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Applicants : Alexander Gaiger et al.
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IMMUNOTHERAPY

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Communication dated July 18, 2002, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-9, drawn to WT-1 peptides and compositions and vaccines containing said peptides, classified in Class 514, subclass 2, and the species SEQ ID NO:335 for examination at this time.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 4, 5, 8, and 9.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A polypeptide comprising at least an immunogenic portion of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:335, or a variant thereof that differs in one or more substitutions, deletions, additions and/or insertions such that the ability of the variant to react with WT1-specific antisera and/or T-cell lines or clones is not substantially diminished.

2. (Amended) A polypeptide according to claim 1 or claim 47, wherein the immunogenic portion binds to an MHC class I molecule.